

ABSTRACTAPPARATUS FOR PRESERVING MICROORGANISMS

5 Subculturing apparatus (30) comprises a receptacle for supporting a growth medium (5) for culturing of a microorganism. The microorganism is entrained to grow in a predetermined direction, towards an end of the growth medium (50), where a further apparatus (30) can be placed adjacent thereto. The microorganism can then grow into the growth medium of the further apparatus. The method of storing a microorganism for use in microbiological processes is also described, as is a method of fermentation of a stored microorganism for the production of biochemicals such as pharmaceuticals or agrochemicals.

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